



MANAGING SHARED RIVER BASINS



The USAID Integrated River Basin Management program partners with other donors to improve the management of the Okavango River Basin.

Water scarcity in southern Africa is a growing concern. Population growth and growing demands for domestic, farm, and industrial consumption are increasing stress on finite water resources. Seventy percent of the region's watersheds are shared between two or more countries. What happens upstream affects the people, wildlife, and ecosystems downstream.

USAID is focused on improving the management of shared river basins, starting with the Okavango River Basin. The river basin is shared by Angola, Botswana, and Namibia.

USAID is strengthening the Okavango River Basin Commission (OKACOM) to help it carry out its mandate of managing the river and its resources in a fair and sustainable manner.

USAID is working in close collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to help OKACOM establish systems for data collection and analysis. This will aid decision-makers in developing appropriate plans for water use and allocation.

USAID promotes community participation in decision-making on river basin issues and supports sustainable natural resource management practices.

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